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Dear Dr. Hashim:

I am organizing a Fall Symposium for the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology on the topic of "Subcellular Targeting of Signal Transduction Enzymes." The Symposium is to be held at Snow Bird, in Salt Lake City, Utah, October 11-14, 1996. My co-chair for this Symposium is Alexandra Newton of the University of California, San Diego. The ASBMB Fall Symposia bring a modest number of researchers together for intense scientific discussion over a 2 1/2 day period. Each symposium focuses on five carefully selected topics in the most promising and exciting areas of the featured area of research.

The conference on "Subcellular Targeting of Signal Transduction Enzymes" will deal with our current level of knowledge about the proteins and structural motifs that function to target signal transduction components. Topics to be discussed include: structural motifs in subcellular targeting, kinase and phosphatase targeting, scaffold and anchoring proteins, localization of G-proteins and phospholipid mediators, and signal transduction from the membrane to the nucleus. The opening lecture will be given by Dr. Tony Pawson, FRS, who has conducted much pioneering work on src homology domains and the modular adapter proteins. A special lecture will be given by Dr. Susan Taylor, current president of ASBMB, and a key investigator in the area of protein kinase structure and functions. Enclosed is a detailed description of each session.

Poster presentations will allow additional information on topics related to the research to also be included in the program. This meeting is particularly useful and important; it is the only conference of this type devoted to this topic. Recent progress has been rapid and exciting, particularly as to the potential new clinical relevance of basic work in the development of possible drug therapies for immune suppression and cardiac function.

About twelve speakers from North America and Europe have tentatively accepted invitations. Many of these are depending upon financial support. I am trying to raise at least \$15,000 for partial support of participant's travel and registration expenses. Thus, I am writing to request financial support for the meeting in the order of \$2,000. It goes without saying that any contributions provided by the Council for Tobacco Research will be greatly appreciated and acknowledged. Also, there will be opportunities for your company to present literature or mobile presentations at the meeting site.

Senior invited speakers as well as junior investigators would be eligible for support. A unique feature of the ASBMB Fall Symposia is the commitment to increase the participation of younger investigators and students. It is important to involve young people in such a meeting for obvious reasons, but they often have the most limited resources. Also, it is our intent to include younger investigators as speakers, as this will give them an excellent

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opportunity to participate in a high level scientific program. The Symposium will be advertised by the ASBMB to their entire membership, as well as in various journals and Society Newsletter. It is expected that a large number of people will apply.

If you would like more details about this meeting, please contact either myself, Alexandra Newton, or Charles Hancock, the Executive Officer of the ASBMB. I and the other conferees will greatly appreciate any financial help you can give. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


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Enclosure

Checks should be annotated "Subcellular Targeting of Signal Transduction Enzymes" and made payable to:

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